



Co-op City Crime Prevention Forum: At his Crime Prevention Forum on April 14, 2004, Congressman Crowley provided tips on keeping our streets safe, preventing elder abuse, stopping domestic violence, safeguarding our children from school violence, protecting oneself from crime, keeping kids safe on the internet, and improving quality of life.



Congressman Joseph Crowley

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Congressman Joseph Crowley is working to ensure Co-op City Families are Safe and Secure

Congressman Crowley is working to establish and increase funding for crime prevention and security initiatives in New York. Although America has taken strong steps to improve national defense, gaps remain. Our first responders are overtaxed and under equipped, and our ports and borders need stronger protections. We have made remarkable progress, but we must do more.

In our neighborhood, important programs that protect our children and seniors are facing budget cuts by the Republican administration. Such safeguards are vital to the protection of families and therefore, must be protected against any cuts that may cause harm to the quality of life of our community.

Crime Prevention Forum at Co-op City

At a recent Crime Prevention Forum hosted by Congressman Joseph Crowley, residents of Co-op City were provided tips on keeping streets safe, preventing elder abuse, safeguarding children from

school violence, protecting oneself from crime, and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. On hand to answer questions from concerned residents were Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson; Bronx Borough Commander Thomas Purtell; Deputy Inspector for the 45th Precinct, James Capaldo; and Co-op City Public Safety Deputy, Chief Henry Milburn.

Congressman Crowley has been a strong advocate of programs that combat crime and improve the quality of life for our communities. That is why he has fought for after school programs to keep kids off the streets and helped deliver over \$150,000 in Federal funds to local anti-crime groups who work with their local police precincts to prevent crime. In addition, Congressman Crowley has supported the City's successful Operation Impact program which helps saturate high-crime areas with additional officers to target and reduce crime. It has led to a 33% drop in crime in impact zones citywide and is being extended to Eastchester and Soundview in the Bronx.

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“Ensuring the safety of all Americans – especially for the families I represent – is a top priority for me. That is why I am working in Washington to increase funding for crime prevention and security initiatives in New York.”



Working to keep our neighborhoods safe

Pictured above, Congressman Crowley met with a local police officer to discuss keeping cops on our streets. New York City Police Department statistics show a reduction in crimes in New York. Since 1994, the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) program has played a major role in reducing crime by helping to put over 7,000 more police officers on New York City streets. The program awards local police forces grants to hire more officers. These grants pay for up to 75% of officers' salaries and benefits for up to three years.

Congressman Crowley understands the value and importance of the COPS program to our City. However, under the current Republican leadership, funding for the COPS program has been severely cut. Police officers have not been provided with the resources they were promised. Last year the COPS program received \$930 million in funding, while this year the President's budget calls for only \$164 million – a cut of over 80%. Congressman Crowley will not jeopardize our citizens' safety and will fight to increase funding and reverse the President's cuts to this vital program.



Fighting to ensure our City is protected

The events of 9/11 helped us recognize that we must do more to protect the most vulnerable areas of our country. Congressman Joseph Crowley understands these needs, especially with New York City being at the top of the list of most susceptible areas. In order to make our city safer, and get the funding needed to properly equip, train and support our police officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, and other first responders, he introduced the Homeland Emergency Response Act of 2003 (HERO Act). Pictured above, Congressman Crowley met with local firefighters to discuss the HERO Act.

The HERO Act would allocate \$15 billion to protect New York City and other American cities. The bill would protect high targeted urban threat areas by mandating 2/3 of all First Responder funding be put aside for the five cities with the greatest vulnerability or threat risk as determined by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. The bill would also create a new Anti-Terrorism Account for firefighters while not touching the current Federal Firefighter Grant Program. Furthermore, the HERO Act would amend the U.S. Patriot Act to ensure greater fairness in the pools of First Responder money.



Ensuring our skies are secure

In July 2003 Congressman Crowley held a town hall meeting in response to a letter he received from his constituents in Co-op City to discuss air traffic and safety concerns. A representative from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was present at the town hall to help address some of the concerns from those in attendance.

Congressman Crowley is a leader in the United States House of Representatives on dealing with airport related noise and congestion. As such, he led the charge to defeat a plan in Congress to increase the number of flights to LaGuardia Airport and is working to pass a law to mandate a nighttime curfew at LaGuardia Airport. Additionally, he has secured Federal funding for a noise and air quality study, wrote language for quieter jet engines and extended the slot lottery to limit flights. As a leader in the fight against airport related noise and congestion, Congressman Crowley pledges to continue to work within the United States Congress to ensure all air travel is safe and secure, and to limit the impact of noise and congestion.

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